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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PRESS GUIDANCE CONCERNING PUBLIC
STATEMENTS OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DOMINICK

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND MAY BE USED BY THE EMBASSY,
IF ASKED:

1. Q. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF USAF
FLIGHTS OVER SWITZERLAND HAS BEEN OPENED BY SENATOR
DOMINICK'S RECENT REMARKS TO THE SWISS PRESS. DO YOU HAVE
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ANY COMMENT?

A. I HAVE NO COMMENT. I WOULD PREFER THAT YOU ADDRESS THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE OVERFLIGHT OF SWISS TERRITORY.

2. Q. IN HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 11, SENATOR DOMINICK IS REPORTED TO HAVE CALLED FOR SWISS MEMBERSHIP IN THE IMF AND THE UN. IS THIS OFFICIAL US GOVERNMENT POLICY?

A. THROUGH ITS GENEROUS PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UN SWITZERLAND HAS CLEARLY MADE A RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THESE AGENCIES. WE ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH AND UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OF THE SWISS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THEIR MAKING A DECISION ON UN MEMBERSHIP-- AND THE FACT THAT DECISIONS OF THIS TYPE MIGHT WELL HAVE TO BE PUT TO THE SWISS PEOPLE IN THE FORM OF A REFERENDUM. IF IT WERE EVER THE WILL OF THE SWISS PEOPLE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE UN AND THE IMF, THE UNITED STATES WOULD WELCOME SWISS MEMBERSHIP. INGERSOLL

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